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## EDITORIALS

## A PREJUDICED PRESS.

It would seem that Mr. J. C. Waters, president of the Upper Classmen, has good grounds for the contention he is maintaining against what may be termed "Doctored Newspaper Reports." There can be no doubt but that in the majority of instances happenings, and we are willing to admit that some of them are of the most objectionable nature, when reported with reference to occurrences in which Negroes are concerned, are grossly exaggerated. One of our daily papers last week came out in glaring headlines "Race Riot," and when the facts were really investigated it proved that a few children on one of the playgrounds had gotten into a contention, and the result was that one little white boy struck another boy (colored) on the head, from which blow the latter died. This came out in glaring headlines, and was given all the prominence possible. By what stretch of imagination that reporter could caption that such, and by what system, save it was from pure malice and race antipathy, that paper could permit it to be so published, we are unable to see. Sifted to its last analysis, there is no reason to believe that any of the children had malice in their hearts, but when the affair is discussed, as discussed it will be about the different and several firesides, these little fellows will be inductively taught that they have done a great thing, and are heroes; thus the mischief is wrought. We have said, and we reiterate with emphasis, if a portion of the money that comes to the Negro by way of philanthropy were spent in the establishment, equipment and maintenance of a large newspaper plant, with facilities to go into alleged commitment of crimes and to investigate impartially many of the so-called happenings, the truth could and would be given to the world without color or tint of shade, and the Negro would appear in the light of what he really is, and not what he is maliciously made to be in many biased instances.

## PRECIPITOUS DEPOSITION.

Still faint rumors fill the air of the probable deposition of one of our professors in the Law School of Howard. We can get no intelligent line upon the proposed decapitation, but hope the rumor is without foundation. We are only refraining from the mention of names because it is the strict policy of this paper to deal with principles, and not with men, and not because we are one bit timid about "naming our man," as they say in conventions. Whenever the question of eliminating this particular individual is raised here are a few things that every colored man, woman and child, not only in the District, but at large, should weigh and remember, viz.: It was this same man who broke all rules of the United States Senate and in a measure saved the day for Howard by way of securing to her appropriations that would, in all probability, otherwise not have been hers; that this very action placed the Law Department of Howard on a firm basis; that it saved the colored people at the nation's head that branch of the university

that deals with the knowledge of the rights of men; that it was the action and sacrifice of this man and the splendid exhibition of moral courage, coupled with an accurate knowledge of the law as regarded his and the rights of his people that has made it possible for the wife and child of every colored man to ride out of the District of Columbia without being "Jim Crowed." When the question of elimination and the steam roller process is broached it will be just as well to think on these things. We propose to have something to say about it whenever the question is raised, and, for that matter, whenever the question of deposing any colored man is raised, where that man has done his duty and is capable and competent.

## THE NEXT HOUSE.

Maine has gone and done it. We have repeatedly tried to point out that unless there is a radical change in the political complexion of affairs we are likely to lose the next House. Of course, it is easily possible to lose Maine to our side and yet win out, but the effect of this defeat is at once encouraging to the Democracy and discouraging to the Republican party. It may serve as the source of impetus that will awaken every Republican to his duty and show him the more serious side of the pending struggle. There is no doubt but that Colonel Roosevelt's trip through the West has clarified matters considerably, but at that there is much to do. "The harvest is great and the laborers are few"—few because they are in many instances divided. There is no doubt but that by getting together the Republican party can win in November, but it will not have a margin more than broad enough to drive a two-horse wagon on at that. It is predicted by W. J. Browning, auditor of the national congressional committee, and chief clerk of the House, that by September 25 there will be set in operation plans so replete with argument within themselves that the wedding of the Republican party will be only a matter of a few days, and that by the time election day is upon us we will present a solid front and win out easily. It is certainly to be hoped that the auditor's prediction is well founded.

## Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church

In the lecture-room of the Galbraith Church on Monday night the Christian Endeavor workers met for their installation ceremonies. After a number of addresses and pledges for consecrated and zealous work, Dr. S. L. Corrothers, the pastor, installed the officers for the coming year. Among the officers the following were re-elected: Mr. Frank Spriggs, president; Rev. John H. Saunders, vice-president; Miss Victoria Lane, secretary; Mr. T. Chase, assistant secretary; Mrs. Lucy Counter, treasurer. Chairmen of committees, Mr. Thomas Hawkins, Mr. A. Sparrow, Miss Enner and Mellie Lane, Miss Anne Comtee, Mrs. Mary E. Sherr, Miss M. Liggins, Mr. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. Anderson.

## A Musical Genius.

Conversing with Ford Dabney the other day I was surprised to find that he was so much of a composer. I have watched Ford from boyhood, and early recognized his ability and talent as a pianist, but he has later come to the fore as a lyric composer. Among his later compositions are "The Minor Strain," a song now sung by Louise Dresser, with De Wolf Hopper in the "Matinee Idol." Bert Williams sings the same song in "Follies of 1910," in which is another composition by Dabney, entitled "Pensacola March," a song and dance chorus. He is writing a song by contract for Marie Cahill, entitled "Loving in Pyramid Land," and another entitled "I'll Go the Limit For You." Besides those mentioned and the three Mme. Aida Overton Walker is singing with the "Smart Set," he expects to have four or five other songs on Broadway before the season closes.

## IN SOCIETY'S REALM

Conducted by MISS MARY CURTIS

Mrs. Millie Lewis, sewing teacher in the public schools, has returned from a two weeks' rest at Rocky Point, Md.

Miss Emma George, teacher in the public schools, has returned to the city, after spending two weeks at Rocky Point, Md.

Mrs. L. B. Moore and son, Tanner, have returned to the city, after a delightful visit at Pittsburg, Pa. Rev. Dr. M. W. D. Norman, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, left Monday morning for New Orleans, La., where he delivered the annual sermon on Wednesday evening at the National Baptist Convention.

Hon. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury, left Monday morning, in company with Chaplain O. J. Scott, Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, for Baltimore, Md., for the opening session of the B. M. C.

Hon. James A. Cobb, Assistant District Attorney, attended the opening session of the B. M. C. in Baltimore Monday.

Attorney and Mrs. J. Louis Taylor left Thursday for Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Anna Hopkins and Miss Mary Curtis left Thursday for Baltimore to attend the grand parade of the Odd Fellows.

The lecture given by Chaplain O. J. W. Scott on Monday evening at the Met. A. M. E. Church was a signal success. A large and appreciative audience turned out and gave him a grand ovation. The subject was "The Colored Soldiers in the Philippines." Before exhibiting the slides he gave a very interesting description of the trip to the Philippines and stay there and his return. The most interesting part of the lecture was the "Calls" and their interpretation. There was a bugler on the platform, who proved himself to be an adept in the reproduction of "Calls." Gen. Andrew S. Burt, former general of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, was present and made a few introductory remarks.

After the lecture an informal reception was tendered Chaplain Scott in the lecture-room of the church by the Wesley Club. The Hon. W. T. Vernon acted as toastmaster. Those who responded were Dr. John Hurst, Rev. Arnold, Dr. Sterling N. Brown, Dr. I. N. Ross, Miss Mattie R. Bowen and Chaplain O. J. W. Scott.

The death of Mr. James Bogues, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bogues, of 1432 1/2 Q street N. W., and a student of Cornell University, was a great shock to his host of friends and acquaintances. We extend to the bereaved parents our sympathy in their hour of grief and sadness.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Calloway were "at home" Monday evening at their residence, 1335 T street N. W., in honor of Mrs. Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Assisting Mrs. Calloway in the receiving-line were Mrs. B. K. Bruce, Mrs. E. C. Williams and Mrs. Warren G. Fearing. Refreshments were served under the direction of the genial Mr. Charles F. M. Browne. Some of those present were Prof. and Mrs. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, Mrs. and Miss Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Whitefield McKinley, Judge and Mrs. Robert H. Terrell, Prof. and Mrs. Kelly Miller, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Childs, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Cabaniss, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Evans, Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Harris, Prof. and Mrs. W. J. Decatur, Mrs. Stanislaus Boyce, Mrs. Arthur Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Pelham, Rev. and Mrs. Sterling N. Brown, Mrs. R. W. Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Mrs. J. L. Chesnut, Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Du-nas, Miss Gertrude Backus, Mrs. George M. Collins, Prof. and Mrs. A. U. Craig, Mrs. and Miss Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Mrs. C. W. Fillmore, Miss Marie O. James, Mrs. John M. Langston,

Mrs. Jesse Lawson, Prof. and Mrs. John T. Layton, Mrs. and Miss Meriwether, Miss Katie E. Moten, Mrs. Hugh N. Browne, Mrs. Thos. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Mrs. J. W. Cromwell, Mrs. and Miss Europe, Dr. F. J. Grimke, Prof. and Mrs. C. G. Harris, the Misses Howard, Mrs. Gank Langston, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nalle, Mrs. R. L. Pendleton, Miss Marion P. Shadd, Mrs. W. G. Haynes, Mrs. J. F. Bundy, Mrs. J. Milton Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Childress, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cornell, Mrs. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Felix F. Weir, Mrs. B. R. Pinchback, the Misses Wormley, Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Clair, Rev. O. L. Mitchell, Mrs. and Miss Dorsette, Dr. O. M. Atwood, Prof. B. G. Brawley, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Horner, Miss May Tyson, Mrs. Montague, Miss Love Derry, Prof. and Mrs. James Storum, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Washington, Mrs. W. A. Pinchback, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clifford, Miss Lillian Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cameron White, Miss Jennie B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilkerson, Dr. and Mrs. John Hurst, the Misses Atwood, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks, Dr. W. L. Beard, James A. Cobb, C. F. M. Browne, Walter Dyson, L. G. Gregory, J. L. Neill, Prof. George William Cook, A. N. Sourlock, G. H. Benjamin, L. N. Neill and others.

## ELITE COLUMN

Conducted by  
W. PRESTON BAYLESS, 1915 6th Street N. W.

Miss Blanch L. Wright entertained at whist on last Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Earnestine Brown and Mrs. Florence Woodward of Chicago, both daughters of Father Thompson, founder of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Chicago, and cousins of Mrs. Kelley Miller of this city. The following ladies were present: Mrs. Amanda Gray, Eva Ross, Mrs. Kelley Miller; Misses Edna Gray, Effie Simmons, Lula Allen, Bessie Shippen, Gerster Smallwood, Jennie Robinson, Lucille Nooks, Etta Maxwell and Minnie Brown of New York city. First prize in whist was won by Miss Jennie Robinson; consolation prize by Miss Etta Maxwell; booby prize by Miss Edna Gray. A guessing contest on the words "Wright," "Write," "Right," was arranged for the "Wright" party. Dr. A. V. Gray won the first prize, and Miss Smallwood booby prize. Dainty refreshments were served, after which the guests left for their homes with pleasant memories of the delightful evening spent at the "Wright" party.

Mrs. Maria Johnson is spending a few weeks visiting in Buena, Va.

Mrs. Spencer Murray and her charming daughters, Misses Nettie and Edna, have returned from a pleasant outing of several weeks at Asbury Park.

Mrs. T. J. Houston and family are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Houston of Baltimore during the B. M. C.

Miss Inez Golsby, 1167 6th street N. E., entertained a party of young ladies last Tuesday evening.

Misses Mamie and Essie Burrell have returned from Vineland, N. J., where they spent a very pleasant summer.

Master Turner Layton has returned to the city from his vacation at Bay Head, N. J. Master Layton has many friends who welcome his return.

Dr. J. D. Cabiniss is spending a month at Niagara Falls.

Gen. Henry Forrest arrived in this city last Friday afternoon and left Sunday for Baltimore to attend the fifteenth B. M. C. Mr. Forrest is a delegate from New

York. Mr. David Brown is chairman of the New York delegation.

Mrs. V. Scott, a teacher in the city schools of Paris, Tex., has resigned her position in the Bureau of the Census, where she has been employed since the close of her school last spring, and returned home to resume her school work.

Hon. W. L. Houston, G. M. of G. U. O. F., accompanied by his wife and son, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Wheatley during the B. M. C. at Baltimore.

Mrs. S. J. Slaughter and Miss Harriet Lee, who were in West-moorland, W. Va., recuperating, have returned.

Wednesday evening of last week a party of young people gave Miss Jennie Cornell a surprise party. A very delightful evening was spent. Miss Cornell goes to Boston to attend Simmons College. Those present were: Misses Ruth Cornell, Dorothy Waring, Natalie McGinnis, Beatrice Childs, Ruth Grimshaw, Antonette Brooks, Eva Jackson of Pittsburg, Mabel Tunnell, Jessie Jenifer, Dorothy Johnson, Ruth Peters, Eva Johnson of Macon, Ga.; Sylvia Piper, Wilhelmenia Talifero, Ermer Welch, Angella Braxton, Minnie Wilson, Lillian Wright and Edith Merri-wether; Messrs. Benj. Piper, William Johnson, Walter Grimschaw, T. Price Hurst, William Haines, Maurice Curtis, James H. Waring, Jay Cox, Robert Brooks, T. Captain, William Witt, Nathan Nesbitt, John Fearing, Joe Martin, Arthur Tunnell, Theodore Turner, Claude Amos, Flavius Lucas and Ferdinand Amos.

Miss Pearl Lewis has returned from an extended trip in the West, visiting friends in Dayton, O., and in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Annie Watson, her daughter Thelma and mother, Mrs. Burgess, have returned from Thoroughfare, Va., where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Alice Smith and daughter, Audrie, have returned from Buena, Va., where they were visiting.

Miss Dorsett, 407 T street N. W., left for Tuskegee, Ala., last Sunday.

Miss Adella Parks is visiting in New York city.

Messrs. Elmer Burns and Vivian Mitchell returned from Atlantic City Wednesday.

Mr. F. E. Parks is visiting dear friends in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Celia M. Stewart, wife of Mr. C. H. Stewart, formerly advertising manager of the Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting friends in the city.

The international conference of Knights Templar, which met recently in Detroit, Mich., has chosen Washington as their next place of meeting, in September, 1912. Washington's degree team won first prize in conferring the Order of Knighthood.

The colored clerks employed in the Census Office have formed a "Census Social Club," the object of which is to bring about an acquaintance among their fellow-workmen and to promote social relationships. The first meeting was held at Plymouth Congregational Church, and the following officers were elected: President, H. H. Thweatt of Georgia; vice-president, E. C. Jones, South Carolina; secretary, E. W. Harrison, Arkansas; assistant secretary, Miss Sewall, District of Columbia, and treasurer, E. L. Burns, Ohio. The organization is to be permanent during the life of the thirteenth census. An "acquaintance banquet" is planned for the near future.

Prof. B. G. Brawley, a native of South Carolina, and son of Dr. E. M. Brawley, president of Morris College at Sumter, S. C., has come to Howard University as the head of the Department of English, succeeding the late Prof. Charles C. Cook. Professor Brawley is a

graduate of three high-grade colleges, having secured the degree of A.B. at the Atlanta Baptist College, A.B. at the University of Chicago and A.M. at Harvard. For seven years he has been a member of the faculty at the Atlanta Baptist College, and is recognized the country over as an expert in all that pertains to the study of the English language. The advent of Professor Brawley will greatly strengthen the teaching corps at Howard, and is another step toward bringing to this magnificent institution the finest aggregation of colored scholars that money and prestige and opportunity can induce to come.

Rev. A. C. Garner, Commissioner for the District of Columbia, has sent a very creditable exhibit to the Appalachian Exposition, which is now being held at Knoxville, Tenn.

Chaplain O. J. W. Scott, of the Twenty-fifth Regiment, United States Army, delivered a highly instructive lecture Monday evening at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church on the Philippine Islands. Chaplain Scott is in Baltimore this week attending the meeting of the B. M. C.

Mr. E. P. Davis instructor in Latin and Greek at Howard University, has just finished a summer course at the Chicago University, and will write his thesis during the year. Mr. Davis is known as one of the ablest teachers of the classics in college circles, and will take hold of the work this year at Howard more thoroughly equipped than ever for the exacting duties that will fall to his lot.

Bethel Literary and Historical Association will open its twentieth year on Tuesday evening, October 4. The speaker will be Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, who will describe "The New Forward Movement," of which he is the responsible head, with offices in New York. The new president of Bethel, Mr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, has mapped out a fine program for the season, and his reputation as an executive of commanding ability guarantees that the organization will be maintained at the high standard set by his predecessors. Mr. Wilkinson is an instructor in the M Street High School. The officers of Bethel, besides the president, are: Elias G. Evans, first vice-president; Miss Parthenia Woodson, second vice-president; Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford, recording secretary; Rev. A. C. Garner, corresponding secretary; Miss Mattie R. Bowen, treasurer; Miss Marie A. D. Madre, librarian; W. H. Richards, lecturer and counsel; Rev. I. N. Ross, chaplain; Harry Parker, marshal. The advisory board, or "cabinet," is made up of Elias G. Evans, chairman; L. G. Gregory, Rev. John Hurst, Dean Kelly Miller, Miss Ella M. Boston, Joseph H. Stewart, Mrs. Julia A. Hamilton, Ralph W. Tyler, Miss Marie C. James, James A. Cobb, J. Henry Lewis, R. W. Thompson, James A. Alston, Mrs. Lelia A. Pendleton, James H. Hayes, Dr. Laura E. Joiner, Mrs. Anna E. Waddleton, Charles H. Shorter, Dr. Walter H. Brooks, E. C. Williams, Ocea Taylor, Walter L. Smith, Mrs. Bessie B. Anderson, Dr. A. M. Curtis and Dr. H. C. Scourlock. Bethel Literary was organized in 1881 by Bishop Daniel A. Payne of the African Methodist Church.

The Independent Order of St. Luke has made phenomenal progress in this city in the past 11 months. A year ago the Order, as such, did not own a lead pencil, and its membership was small and scattered. Now a revival of spirit is manifested, the membership has quadrupled, and hundreds of dollars have been collected and placed to the credit of the organization in cash or property. Recently the St. Luke fraternity purchased for \$8000 the commodious 10-room building at 1924 13th street N. W., in the heart of the best colored neighborhood of Washington, and on a street that is rapidly becoming a business thoroughfare.

Eventually the building is to be arranged for stores and a branch of the St. Luke Bank at Richmond, Va., is to be installed in one of the business rooms. Space for enlargement is to be secured in the rear by the ultimate purchase of an additional building. Friday there will be held an old-time house-warming at this St. Luke Home from 12 M. to 11.30 P. M., and a large attendance is looked for. The officers of this wonderfully progressive department of the Independent Order of St. Luke in Washington are: Mrs. Bessie B. Anderson, deputy; Rev. A. C. Garner, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, associate deputy; Miss Mattie R. Bowen, vice-president; Mrs. Sarah A. Barton, secretary; M. M. Peace, treasurer.

Howard University will open for its forty-third year on the 19th. From present indications the enrollment will break all previous records, and President Thirkield and his associates are being confronted with the knotty problem of what to do with the mass of eager students who wish to come. Accommodations will probably be arranged for 1500, an excess of 300 over the capacity enrollment of last year. Everything will be in readiness for the opening day. The main building and Miner Hall have been painted white, and present a spick-and-span appearance. The new \$90,000 Science Hall is completed, and will add materially to the school's facilities for instruction in scientific branches. It is expected that the industrial building will be ready for occupancy before the end of the school year. The gymnasium project is being pushed with vigor by the Alumni, under the leadership of President Kelly Miller of the Alumni Association. President Thirkield's offices are now located in the new \$50,000 Carnegie Library, and this structure is the pride of everyone connected with the rejuvenated Howard University.

Dr. D. Webster Davis of Richmond, Va., preached a powerful sermon on "A Cheap Religion" last Sunday evening at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, as the opening feature of a week's financial rally under the auspices of the "Organized Women of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church." The edifice was packed to the doors, and standing room was at a premium. It was pretty generally reported that Dr. Davis would preach his "trial sermon," and everybody was anxious to hear the maiden effort of the divine, who is very generally regarded as the successor of the late Rev. George W. Lee as pastor of this church. Whether it was a "trial sermon" or not, Dr. Davis "made good," and his probability as pastor took on the color of a certainty. Dr. Davis is of truly national proportions, and a more fitting selection could not be made.

The Independent Order of Good Samaritans will hold its grand lodge in Alexandria, Va., beginning on the 20th. Delegates from every section of the country will be in attendance.

Thirty delegates from the Odd Fellow lodges of the District of Columbia went to Baltimore Monday morning to attend the fifteenth session of the Biennial Movable Committee, the legislative body of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. The delegation was in charge of H. H. Naylor and W. I. Lee. A big crowd of Washingtonians will go over on Thursday to witness the grand pageant and to take in the ball at the Lyric Theater.

Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard University, has published in the Nineteenth Century Magazine an article on "The American Negro as a Political Factor," and already the line of reasoning advanced by Professor Miller is being widely discussed throughout England and America. The Birmingham Daily Mail, a powerful molder of public sentiment in the British